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President Johnson and Adm. William F. Raborn (left), head of Central Intelligence Agency.

New CIA Director

ADM. WILLIAM F. RABORN, JR., a 59-year-old Texan and new director of the CIA, is best known as the "father" of the Polaris missile.

Raborn was put in charge of the Polaris project in 1955. He was given five years and \$1.4 billion to develop a ballistic missile system that could be launched under water from nuclear-powered submarines. A "dummy" of the new weapon was launched in 1958.

Raborn went on to become deputy chief of Naval Operations in Washington, charged with all Navy research and development programs ranging from high altitude research to deep diving submarines.

Retiring from the Navy in 1963, he became vice president of the Aerojet-General Corp. of California.

RABORN is known as a forceful but pleasant man who does everything at high speed. He seldom sits still but when he does he's likely to throw his feet up on his desk while he talks.

The Admiral had never seen the ocean when he entered Annapolis in 1928. He was an average student and was graduated in the lower half of a class of 125.

Following graduation from the Academy, Raborn served aboard battleships and destroyers and, in 1934, became a naval aviator. He has logged more than 5000 hours in the air and is checked out in jets.

For most of his career, however, he specialized in research, including gunnery, aerial depth charges, guided missiles and finally the Polaris.

During the Second World War, Raborn served aboard carriers and in the Korean War commanded the escort carrier Balroko.